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GENERAL COMMENT. THIS VIVID, SWIFT-MOVING PICTORE IS THE IREE OF ORIENTAL DRAWAS ON THE SCREEN. IT HAS THE TRUE ATMOSPHERE OF AN ARABIAN NIGHTS' TALE AND MIST BANK AS ONE OF THE EXCEPTIONAL PROTOPLAYS OF THE YEAR. IT HAS BOTH . DRAMATIC LETENSITY AND COMIC HELIEF OF AN UNUSUAL CHUER. THE ASTING OF FOLA HEGRI MAY BE SAID TO BE THE FINEST AND MOST CONVINCING OF HER CAREER REPORT THE AUPRICAN PUBLIC AND THE SUPPORTING CAST IS ONE OF GREAT ABILITY.

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Introducing the Hero-- Richard Devine, 22 years of age---Supposed s son of Sir.Richardand Lady Devine, but really the illigitamate son of Lord Bellassis and Lady Devine-- Cousin of Captain Maurice Frere tyrant in charge of convicts at Van Diemen's Land, Australia.

Neither Richard or Frere know of their relationship to each other-Richard Devine is tried, and convicted on circumstantial evidence for the murder of Lord Bellasis, and is transported beyond the sea under the name of Rufus Dawes--- Unknown to his supposed son, Sir Richard Devine dies suddenly, leaving him heir to a large fortune.

PART ONE. PROLOGUE.

England 1827. Hampstead Heath. Introducing Reverend Fames North. North financially embarrassed forges acheque to pay a gambling debt to Lord Bellasis. The forgery is detected by Bellasis who demands double payment, or will expose North. The unfortunate young man promises to meet Bellasis nextevening at nine o'clock at Hampstead Heath, and redeem the forgery. North keeps the appointment and while waiting behind the Heath, sees two horsemen approaching they dismount, and walk towards the heath, they are having a heated argument. North recognizes Lord Bellasis. Suddenly his companion strikes him over the head with his riding whip, Bellasis falls to the ground. The stranger escapes. North instead of pursuing him, bende over the body, takes out pocket book, and removes the forged bills. Throwes the book on the ground and hurries away.

Young Richard Devine, after aviolent quarrel with his supposed father, has been driven from the house, owing to the secret of his birth been disclosed during a quarrel between Sir Richard and Lady Devine. Sir Richard swears to denounce his wife if he ever hears of Richard using his name. Richards way takes himacross the Heath, He stumbles over the body ,picks up the empty pocket book, sees name on cover, "Lord Bellasis". His real father. Is about to go for help when half a dozen men burst upon the scene. They are asearch party from the Spaniards Inn. Lord Bellasis horse having returned without a rider. Richard is accused of the murder. When asked his nameis about to say Devine, when he remembers Sir Richards threat to expose his mothers shame, his love for her is greater than his liberty; so to save her from dishonour he hid his identity. In a firm voice, with apale and determined face, he said, -- My name is Dawes -- Rufus Dawes. He is thrust into prison, charged with robbery and murder.Convicted on circumstantial evidence, and transported as a convict to Van DiemensLand, Australia, For the Term of His Natural Life.

Part 111. Australia. Sarah Islamd -- Van Diemans Land. ---- Convict life ---- The prison station in charge of Major Vickers --- 3 50 convicts employed in the most degrading manner --- deprimed of all hope -- The Solitary of Grummet Rock----The most dreaded of all punishment---SOMe distance from the main land a solitary rock can be seen standing out of the water --- One man lives on the rock with just sufficient food to Reep him alive --- He is thought to be the mostviolent criminal -- he wears two iron rings around his ankles connected wit with a heavy chain --- He climbsto the top of the rock, his fitters compelhim to take short steps --- as he walks, he winces, a strip of cloth is twisted around his ankle on which the circlet has worn a sore----*e stretches himself on the rock, straining his eyes towards the mainland --- He sees two ships , the Osprey. And The Ladybird" .--- This Solitary man is Rufus Dawes ---- On the Mainland Captain Frere has arrived with orders from Governor Arthur to Majo Vickers to break up the present settlement and bring the prisoner to Port Arthur ---- Vickers departs on the Ladybird with half the prisoners --- Leaves his wife and Sylvia to the care of Frere who has charge of-hg- of the second boatthe "Osprey" which is to take the remaining convicts----Every thing is in readiness for sailing "The Ladybird" is put to sea and the "Osprey" is making for the channel, when the convicts mutiny and seize the "Osprey"-water is boat with Mrs. Vickers and Sylvia --- They are taken to a desolate island known as Hell's Gates and abandoned with only sufficient food to last a few days ---- The convicts sail away with the Osprey --- The mental anguish of the little party left at Hell's Gates --- Grimes goes mad --- He rushes at Captain Bates, there is a

Rufus Dawes left alone on Grummet Rock, decides to destroy his miserable life---He throwes himself into the sea, he sinks like a stone--- He rises----Amassof driftwood is floating by him--- Thoughts of self murder vanish---He clutches at the log and twists himself across it ---He remembers no more---The drifting log bears its senseless burden through the darkness--- It drifts to the isla island of Hell's Gates, and is washed ashore-----Dawes awakes ---- He wanders about the islamd for three days without food, half mad raging with thirst, he is going to throw himself into the sea again ---He sees smoke rising some distance off---- A fire alight on the beach, the dying wretch felt inspired with new hope. God had sent him a direct sign from Heaven. (See book chapter 8) there were humans near him----turning his face from the hungry sea, he tottere with the last effort of his failing strength to reach the place----

struggle, Bates is stabbed to death, Grimes then kills himself.
Mrs. Vickers, Sylvia, and Frere are left alone on the island----

Evening. Sylvia and Frere sitting by camp fire, she suddenly screa and points to opposite side of the fire---- man staggers forward and then falling on his knees, stretched out his hands, saying, "Food It was Rufus Dawes--- Frere, dashes a fire brand in his face, saying stand back, we have no food to spare" --- Dawes trys to get the loaf of bread that is baking by the fire---- Frere tries to stop him--- Sylvia, picks up the loaf and places it in his hand" saying "Eat poor prisoner, Eat--Astrong attachment springs up between the convictand Sylvia. She is the inspiration that leads him to build the goat skinned boat (the coracle, see book; chapter 42.) Frere is jealous an and hates Dawes.---- After the boat is complete, Sylvia writes in the sand "Good Mr. Dawes"---- They leave the island in the boat--- After days at sea, are picked up by ship, Mrs. Vickers dead, Sylvia unconscious, Frere takes credit of building the boat. Dawes sent to have

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PART_Y

Frere has poisoned Sylvia's mind against Dawes, and by false representations poisoned her to marry him --- She now remembers a little of what happened at Hell's Gates---- Ahidden love for poor Dawes fills her heart, Frere's continual cruelty to him, fills her with 1

loathing and disgust----After a violent quarrel with Frere she determines to leave him----- Sylvia is to sail in the "Lady Frank lin" bound for Hobart Town, in two hours time---Rev. North has resigned and is to accompany her --- Norths life has been a burde to him for months ---He has taken to drinkagain--- His awful conscience/-----He decides on making a full confession to Dawes. Gimblett the warder refuses North admission to Dawes cell---.

North produces a flask of rum-----Gimblett finally consents----

The Confession.A pitiable scene between Dawes and North-1---(see book 4. chapters14.17') finally Dawes falls on his knees
and covers his face with his hands----North tells him he is going
to sail on the "Lady Franklin" with Sylvia, then in an agony of
despair r ushes out of the cell, leaving his hat and cloak behind.

Dawes realizes Sylvias danger, and determines to save her ---Dawes disguised in Norths cloak and hat passes out of the cell---stumbles over the drunken body of Gimblett, and escapes---Mistaken in the darkness for North, he safely boards the little boat
which takes him acrossthe bay to the "Lady Franklin", he gets on
board just in time, goes below , and locks himself in the cabin----

The Cyclone---- The Fate of the "Lady Franklin", --- The sinking ship---- Dawes seeks for Sylvia--- They meet face to face---- In that terrible moment the clouds that have so long dulled her brain are swept away, she knowes him again" Good Mr. Dawes", she stretches out her arms to him, he takes her to his heart---- One great wave envelopes them----- They meet death together.

Dawn. The next morning.

Fishermen walking along the beach find two bodies tangled in some rigging ----A man and awoman--- Clasped in each others arms and silent in a last embrace--.

Notes

NOTE 1. In the first part of the Synopsis which includes the prologue, introduces the Hero, Richard Devine, afterwards knows as Rufus Dawes. Lord Baellasis, the rake who has two illigitimate sons, Dawes and Rex succeeds in getting the Rev. North a young cleric, at his mercy, and how Sir Richard Devine is informed of his wifes infidelity. It makes a Mystery as to actually killed Lord Bellasis as it is explained in the book that first Bellasis rides up to the Heathfor his appointment with North, and how Young Richard sees Sir Richard Devine walking along the Heath, making the whole four characters and North pass near the spot where Bellasis is killed. young Richard thinks it is his Ssupposed father whe-Sir Richard who did the deed and at the end of the book it is shown that it is John Rex who committed the murder.

Note (11
********In part 3 The Solitary of Grummet Rock is an actual fact
of what use to take place. The Book describes how Dawes , with wonde
rfuling anuity and with limited products at his disposal constructs
this wonderful boat which is known to every school child through
Australasia and Great Britain.

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****** In part 4 . The escape of JohnRex is a masterly piece of fiction. The author has given to Dawesall from his Mother, and to the half brother , John Rex, all the badness from his father.

Gabbett, Veach, the Crowand the rest of the escaping party, other tha Rex , rambled in the bush for days and actually killed each other for food, is absolute fact and is on record in the British Criminal RecordOffice. The Chain Gang Is aterm given to the convicts who wer actually chained together in groups of 30 and 35 men with hugh chains fastened to each others ankles, and up to 40 years ago there were menwhom, if they heard a chain rattle, would almost go insane These convicts were put to most degrading work, such as being yoked up to tramways and made to drag them along.

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